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# Hatchet Victim Dies; Torrance Man Sought

## Slaying Follows Traffic Crash In Carson Area

Los Angeles police have named a 27-year-old Torrance man as the prime suspect in the hatchet slaying of a California sportswoman.

The woman, 21-year-old Karlina Lee Robinson, died Friday afternoon at Harbor General Hospital. She was attacked about midnight Thursday in an argument which followed a minor traffic accident in the Carson area.

Police named Ralph Phillip Rodriguez, 27, of 2142 Del Amo Blvd., as the prime suspect after they recovered his damaged car in a Los Angeles garage which belongs to his father.

Officers said Miss Robinson and a passenger, Joan Faith Reed, 30, of 1609 W. 209th St., Harbor City, were driving west in the 1400 block of Carson Street when another car pulled alongside.

THE CARS sideswiped and Miss Robinson was forced to the curb in front of 1433 W. Carson St., it was reported.

Miss Reed told police the man got out of his car and took a hatchet out of the trunk. He then broke out all the windows in Miss Robinson's car.

When Miss Robinson got out of her car, the man hit her several times on the head, police reported.

Miss Reed said the man chased her, but she flagged a motorcyclist and got a ride to a Harbor City club where the two women worked. She called police from the club.

Police said Miss Robinson was found lying in a parking lot at 1433 W. Carson St. She was taken to Harbor General Hospital where she died Friday without regaining consciousness.

The Rodriguez vehicle was found in a garage at 234 E. 101st St., Los Angeles, police reported. The car, they said, had been recently damaged and appeared to have been recently painted.

## Thief Gets \$1,600 at Restaurant

Nearly \$1,600 in cash was taken from a North Torrance restaurant about mid-day Thursday, Torrance police were told.

Charles H. Albright, owner of the restaurant at 5160 W. 190th St., told police he had prepared the money for deposit in a bank and placed it in a file cabinet in his office about 11:15 a.m.

Albright said the money was missing when he returned to the office at 12:30 p.m.

A total of \$1,585 was taken, Albright said. Another \$370 which was on the top of a nearby desk was left, Albright told police.

## Teenager Gets New Court Date

A Hermosa Beach teenager arrested April 29 is due in South Bay Municipal Court Tuesday on charges of possession of marijuana and assault and battery.

Cesar R. Caballero, 18, of Hermosa Beach, was arraigned on the charges last Wednesday.

Caballero was arrested early April 29 after Torrance police observed him driving the wrong way on a one-way street.

## Budget Refused By Board

(Special to The Press-Herald) The \$1.22 billion preliminary County budget remained in a state of turmoil and conjecture today with the Board of Supervisors violating their own County ordinance by refusing to accept it by the Friday deadline.

Under the law, the preliminary budget should have been accepted May 5th so that it can be printed and distributed in time for public hearings.

Harry Hufford, Chief County Budget expert, told the Press-Herald bureau Friday that the recommendations of Chief Administrator L. S. Hollinger have been made and that it is "now entirely up to the Board of Supervisors to make reductions."

HOLLINGER'S huge spending program, which could mean a 25-cent increase in the present tax rate of \$2.3891, is expected to again draw fire from the supervisors Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Supervisor Burton W. Chace, who is visiting Japan, expressed his "shock and concern" over the size of the budget in a letter to the Board. Chace urged an examination of expenditures earmarked for exploitation purposes, and said that the state "must find a means of taking the prime responsibility of school taxes off the property taxpayer."

AT THE SAME time recommendations for salary increases totaling \$13 million for 39,782 County General Fund Department employees were filed Friday with the

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These elite group of (See PARADE, Page A-2)

## Green Berets Sign For Miss Torrance

She expected to see a squad left-right drill, but Susan Foster, reigning Miss Torrance, found out differently as she left a drill with the Green Berets with a rope burn, sore muscles, cold wet feet and slightly soiled capris.

Susan, an 18-year-old Harbor College student, visited the professional reservists of Co. A, 12th Special Forces Group (Airborne), U.S. Army Reserve, based at Fort MacArthur, San Pedro. She welcomed their participation in the forthcoming 8th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration here on May 19 and 20.

From these combat specialists, Susan subjected herself to basic instruction in rope climbing, parachute jumping, and scuba diving. These represented normal skills of the Green Berets. Its members are capable of infiltrating enemy territory by airborne drop, landing by sea, or invading by land. They conduct guerrilla warfare behind the enemy lines.

The Green Berets operated parachute drops at late as 12-man detachments. A team includes medical specialists; communications experts, demolition - engineer specialists, and a weapons specialist. They speak a second language. They can build up, equip, train and direct a guerrilla force of indigenous peoples.

Similarly equipped Green Beret teams were among the first of direct U. S. military aid to enter Vietnam and other trouble spots of Southeast Asia.

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THESE GREEN Berets travel frequently. Last summer they trained at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. They held winter exercises and prac-

## Five Youths Cited As Merit Scholars

Five Torrance youth have been named winners of National Merit Scholarships for 1967 by John M. Stalnaker, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corp.

The local winners are among some 2,400 high school seniors from throughout the nation who will share some \$8.6 million in college scholarships.

Winners include Stephen C. Beach of South High, Janet I. Limbird of Torrance High, Harold T. Pretorius of West High, and Pamela Oliver and Robert C. Shoup, both of North High.

MERIT scholarships provide from \$400 to \$6,000 for four years of college study, depending on the student's need, Stalnaker said.

Beach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Beach of 5624 Calle de Ricardo, was designated a National Merit Scholar. A South High senior, he intends to study mathematics at California Institute of Technology and plans a career in mathe-

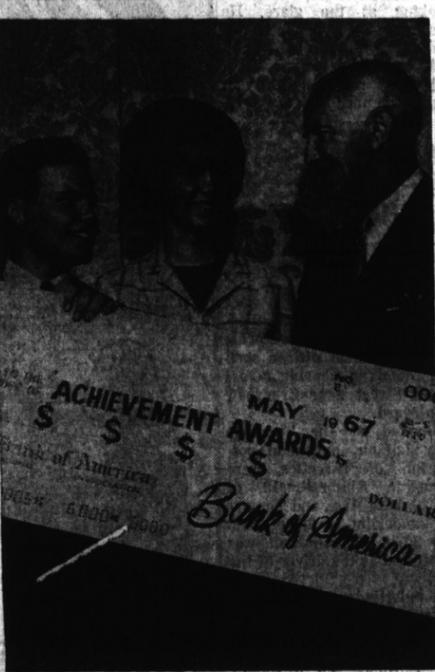
matics research. Beach is an Eagle Scout and has participated in a number of summer programs in advanced mathematics.

Miss Limbird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Limbird of 2689 W. 231st St., also was designated a National Merit Scholar. She will enroll at Stanford University to study drama and hopes for a career in theater arts.

ACTIVE IN A variety of theater activities at Torrance High, she won the 1966 and 1967 awards for the One-Act Play Festival and won first place in the National Scholastic Creative Writing Contest dramatic script division in 1966.

Pretorius, a West High senior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Pretorius of 4906 Garnet St. He was designated a Harvey Mudd College Merit Scholar and will attend Harvey Mudd College.

He plans to study physics and intends to become a re-



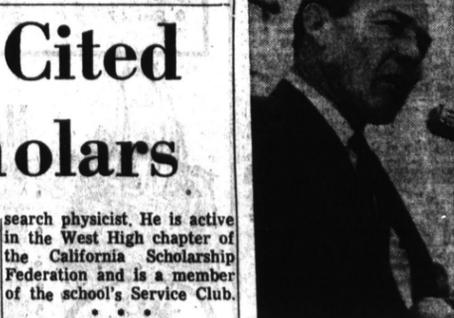
WIN AWARDS . . . Louis B. Lundberg, chairman of the board of Bank of America, presents \$150 cash awards to two Narbonne High School students as part of the bank's annual Achievement Awards program. Accepting their awards are Fletcher A. Gardner and Claudia L. Stuart.

## Finch to Address Rotarians Tuesday

Lieutenant Governor Robert L. Finch will address a half-dozen Rotary Clubs Tuesday at a combined meeting being sponsored by the Riviera Village Rotary Club.

The meeting is scheduled at noon at the Plush Horse Restaurant, Morgan Moore, president of the Riviera Village Rotary Club, said.

Rotarians from Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita,



ROBERT L. FINCH  
Lt. Governor Here

Palos Verdes, Manhattan Beach, and Hermosa Beach will attend the meeting. The session is not open to the public, Moore said.

Finch, born in Tempe, Ariz., Oct. 9, 1925, was elected lieutenant governor last

Nov. 8 on his first try for statewide office. He received the largest plurality of any Republican candidate in the state's history.

A graduate of Inglewood High School and Occidental College, he received his law degree from the University of Southern California School of Law. He is a veteran of the Marine Corps.

## Teenagers Unhurt in Collision

Four teenagers escaped serious injuries late Friday evening when two cars collided head-on on Pennsylvania Avenue near 227th Street.

Torrance police identified the drivers of the two cars as Stephen P. Lott, 17, of 23708 Walter Ave., and Howard C. Coleman, 17, of 23309 Huber St., both students at Torrance High School.

The crash occurred about 10 p.m. Friday, it was reported.

Police said Lott, who sustained a small cut on the bridge of his nose, refused medical aid. Passengers in each of the cars said they were not hurt, police reported.

## Governor Signs New Vote Law

Assembly Bill 125, authored by L. E. Townsend (D-Torrance) and Ken MacDonald (D-Ojai) has been signed into law by Governor Ronald Reagan.

The bill provides for a recount of ballots in municipal elections where voting machines are used by providing that technical personnel not residents of the city may be appointed to the recount board.

The bill also requires the candidate asking for the recount to deposit an amount equal to the expense of the tabulating device recount rather than the compensation amount of the special board.

## Youth Council Proposed

Plans for a Youth Council in Torrance will be submitted to the City Council Tuesday when councilmen convene at 8 p.m. The proposal, a result of suggestions advanced during Junior Citizens' Day last November, calls for four students from each of the five high schools in the city to serve as an advisory group to the council and the city's Youth Welfare Commission. C. K. Norman, chairman of the commission, said the proposal also will be submitted for the Board of Education for approval.

## Army Contract Awarded

A \$1.2 million Army contract for the production of export containers has been awarded to Okaw Industries, Inc., of Torrance, the U.S. Army Aviation Material Command, St. Louis, Mo., has announced. The contract is for the production of 883 plastic containers used in the Army aviation program.

## GOP Unites Behind Beverly

California and 46th Assembly District Republicans presented a solid backing for Robert G. Beverly Friday night as a climax to his bid for election to the Assembly next Tuesday. On hand to endorse him at a testimonial fete in El Segundo were Gov. Ronald Reagan, Lt. Gov. Robert Finch, and Mrs. Charles E. Chapel, widow of the late assemblyman whose seat was left vacant by his sudden death last January and a leading challenger for the seat at a primary election in April.

## Name President

Dr. Waldo Henson, an instructor at the USC School of Medicine, has been elected president of the Diabetes Association of Southern California. He succeeds Dr. Cyrus I. Eisner.